

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Periodic Reporting  
(Proposal Six through Nine)

Docket No. RM2014-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued December 11, 2013)

To clarify the Postal Service's Petition to consider changes in analytical principles, filed November 8, 2013, the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following questions. The answer should be provided no later than December 17, 2013.

**Proposal Seven**

1. This question relates to the FY 2012 Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) at 163 and the Postal Service's response in that proceeding to Chairman's Information Request No. 8, question 7.
  - a. Has the Postal Service's Product Tracking System been updated to scan third-party carrier labels?
  - b. If the Product Tracking System has not been updated to scan third-party carrier labels, please explain when the Postal Service plans to update the Product Tracking System so that it can scan third-party carrier labels.
  - c. When updated, will the Product Tracking System be usable to provide a more accurate estimate of the number of third-party carrier packages than the sampling methodology in Proposal Seven? Please explain.

- d. In years after FY 2013, does the Postal Service expect to use the updated Product Tracking System in lieu of the Proposal Seven sampling methodology to estimate the number of third-party carrier packages? Please explain.
- e. If the response to part d. is in the affirmative, will the Postal Service continue the sampling methodology in Proposal Seven in FY 2014 and in future years? Please explain.

## **Proposal Eight**

- 2. Please provide the following information related to Proposal 8:
  - a. The proposed productivities using the FY 2013 Management Operating Data System (MODS) data.
  - b. The FY 2013 daily MODS volumes and workhours by plant, operation, and tour. For each record, include:
    - i. Finance number—(plant finance number, 6 digits),
    - ii. Date—(YYYYMMDD format),
    - iii. MODS tour—(1, 2, or 3),
    - iv. Operation—(3-digit MODS operation),
    - v. FHP—(MODS First-Handling Pieces),
    - vi. TPH—(MODS Total Pieces Handled),
    - vii. TPF—(MODS Total Pieces Fed),
    - viii. Nonaddtph—MODS Non-Add TPH,
    - ix. Hours—MODS workhours, and
    - x. Facility type, e.g., MODS, NDC, REC, ISC, etc.

- c. A crosswalk or road map of MODS operations from current MODS operation groups to the proposed MODs operations groups.
- 3. Please explain how the following productivity consolidations improve the quality, accuracy, and completeness of the current productivity estimates.
  - a. Consolidation of UFSM 1000 groups,
  - b. Consolidation of Incoming and Outgoing Operation Groups within Manual Letters and Manual Flats,
  - c. Provide all supporting information, and
  - d. Please also explain if the proposed consolidations improve the quality, accuracy, and completeness of the letter and flat avoided cost models.
- 4. Please explain why the LIPS Outgoing Group was discontinued.
- 5. Please explain how the Postal Service plans to incorporate the new outgoing and incoming tray sortation productivities into the letter and flat mail processing avoided cost models (*i.e.*, USPS-FY13-10 and USPS-FY13-11).

By the Chairman.

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